

## PREFACE

Throughout history, much has been written on the confrontations and wars between nations. From the beginning, a major concern of the commander has been the health and fitness of his forces. Following all confrontations, an improvement in tactics and techniques has been sought to enhance the force's ability to win the decisive battle. Over the years, advancements in technology have given our commanders weapons with the lethality to destroy or generate casualties once thought to be impossible. These advancements in technology and battlefield strategy have caused support elements to strive to improve the effectiveness of their services. The Army Medical Department (AMEDD) has maintained the pace in the development and employment of battlefield medical techniques to provide responsive, quality combat health support (CHS) for the military forces.

The purpose of this publication is to describe the functions and employment of one of the CHS assets, the combat support hospital (CSH). This publication is designed for the hospital commander, his staff, and assigned personnel. It embodies doctrine based on Medical Force 2000 and the L-edition Table of Organization and Equipment (TOE) 08-705L000. The structural layout of the hospital is flexible and situationally determined (for example, mission requirements, commander's guidance, and terrain features). It requires intensive prior planning and training of all personnel to establish the facility. The staffing and organizational structure presented in this publication reflects those established in the L-edition TOE 08-705L000, effective as of this publication date. However, such staffing is subject to change to comply with Manpower Requirements Criteria outlined in Army Regulation (AR) 570-2 and can be subsequently modified by your modification TOE (MTOE).

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